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SINCE ARRIVING ON EARTH, SUPERFAST SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS FOUGHT TO PROTECT THE PLANET FROM HIS NEMESIS ...THE POWER-HUNGRY DR. EGGMAN. HOWEVER, TODAY SONIC IS ABOUT TO MEET CHRIS' OWN NEMESIS...MEAN RICH GIRL MILAN RAMADA!

WHAT ARE THESE LOSERS DOING AT MY TABLE?

YIP YIP YIP!

OH, GREAT. IT'S MILAN RAMADA AND HER ENTOURAGE.

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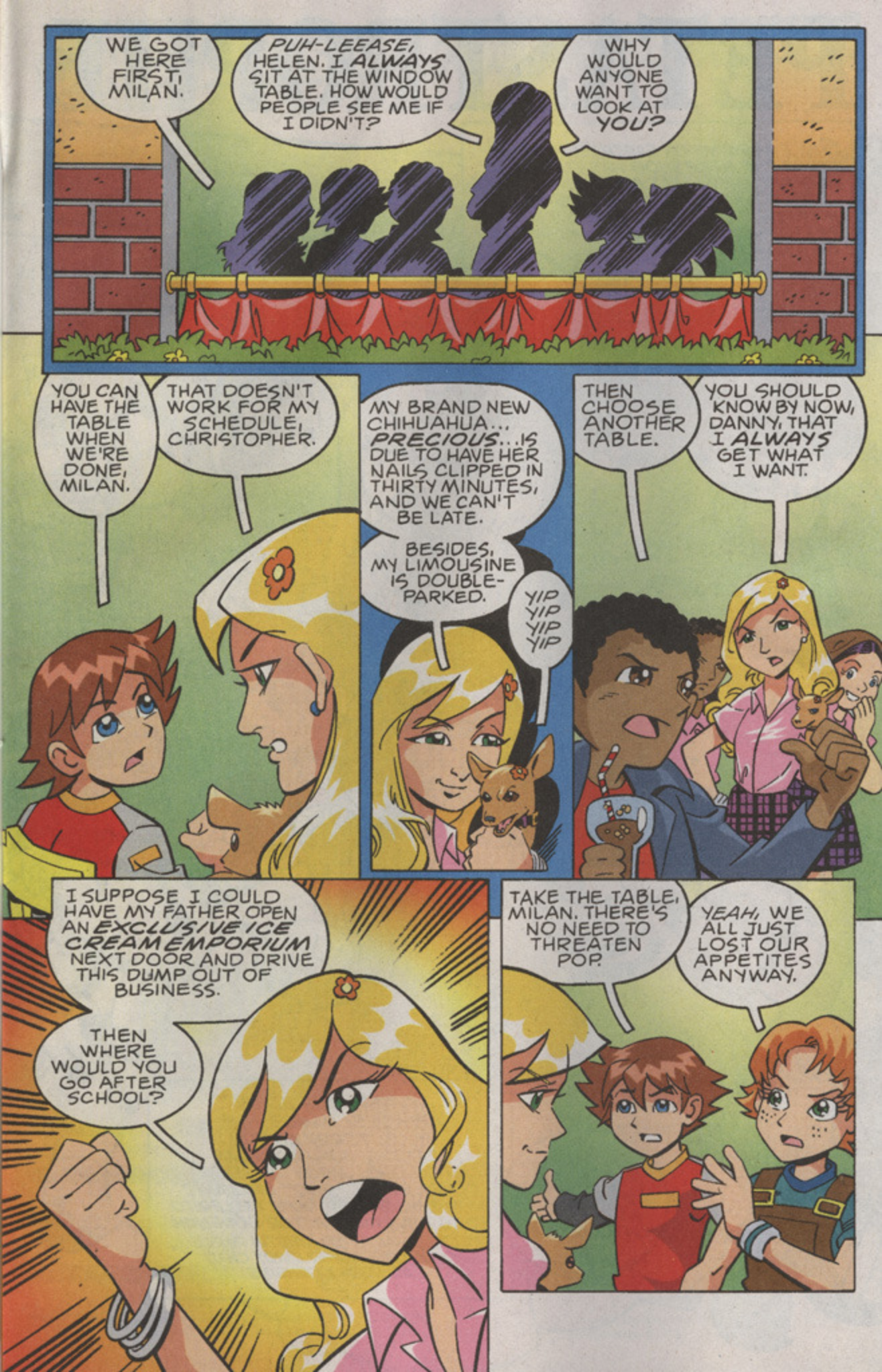

WE GOT HERE FIRST, MILAN.
PUH-LEEASE, HELEN. I ALWAYS SIT AT THE WINDOW TABLE. HOW WOULD PEOPLE SEE ME IF I DIDN'T?
WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO LOOK AT YOU?
YOU CAN HAVE THE TABLE WHEN WE'RE DONE, MILAN.
THAT DOESN'T WORK FOR MY SCHEDULE, CHRISTOPHER.
MY BRAND NEW CHIHUAHUA... PRECIOUS... IS DUE TO HAVE HER NAILS CLIPPED IN THIRTY MINUTES, AND WE CAN'T BE LATE.
BESIDES, MY LIMOUSINE IS DOUBLE-PARKED.
YIP YIP YIP YIP
THEN CHOOSE ANOTHER TABLE.
YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW, DANNY, THAT I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT.
I SUPPOSE I COULD HAVE MY FATHER OPEN AN EXCLUSIVE ICE CREAM EMPORIUM NEXT DOOR AND DRIVE THIS DUMP OUT OF BUSINESS.
THEN WHERE WOULD YOU GO AFTER SCHOOL?
TAKE THE TABLE, MILAN. THERE'S NO NEED TO THREATEN POP.
YEAH, WE ALL JUST LOST OUR APPETITES ANYWAY.

WHO WAS THAT, CHRIS?

THAT WAS MILAN RAMADA, SONIC. SHE GOES TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOL ACROSS TOWN.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT HER?

HER FATHER OWNS *RAMADA REFINERIES, INCORPORATED.* HER FAMILY IS AS RICH AS CHRIS.

SOMETIMES RICHER. IT DEPENDS ON THE PRICES OF THEIR STOCKS ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

WHEN YOU HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY, YOU'RE USED TO GETTING YOUR WAY ALL THE TIME.

KEEP THE CHANGE, POP.

CHRIS DOESN'T ACT THAT WAY, AND HIS FAMILY HAS *LOTS* OF MONEY.

THAT'S BECAUSE CHRIS IS A NICE GUY.

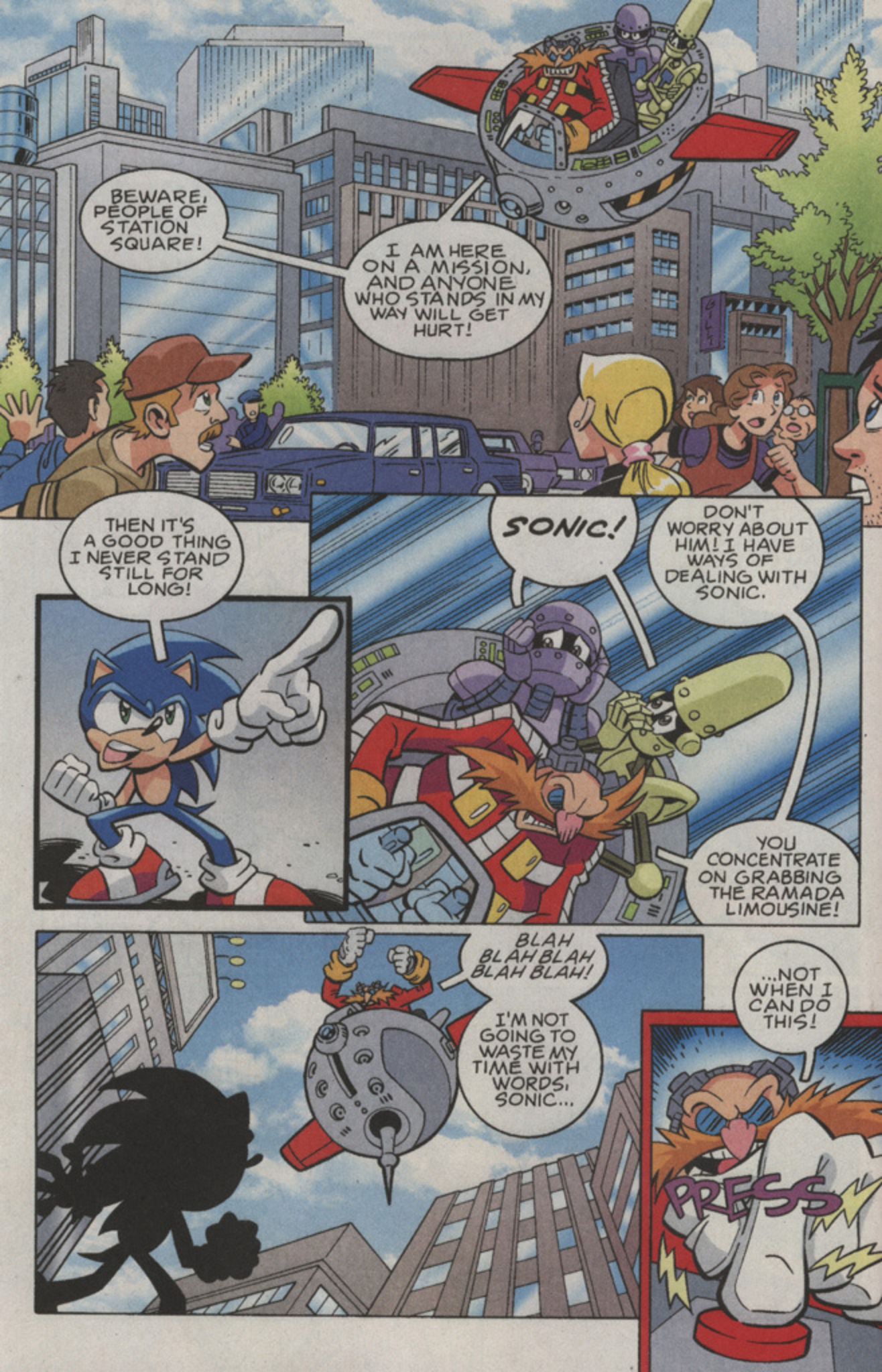
I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO TREAT ME DIFFERENTLY JUST BECAUSE...

...MY FAMILY HAS MONEY.

I'M JUST LIKE EVERY-BODY ELSE.

LOOK OUT!

AH! THIS DAY HAS SUDDENLY BECOME A LOT MORE INTERESTING!


BEWARE, PEOPLE OF STATION SQUARE!
I AM HERE ON A MISSION, AND ANYONE WHO STANDS IN MY WAY WILL GET HURT!
THEN IT'S A GOOD THING I NEVER STAND STILL FOR LONG!
SONIC!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM! I HAVE WAYS OF DEALING WITH SONIC.
YOU CONCENTRATE ON GRABBING THE RAMADA LIMOUSINE!
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH!
I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE MY TIME WITH WORDS, SONIC...
...NOT WHEN I CAN DO THIS!
PRESS

NOW...

...YOU CAN EITHER TRY TO STOP ME...

...OR SAVE ALL THE INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO MIGHT GET HURT WHEN MY MISSILES EXPLODE ON IMPACT!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

I HOPE ONE OF THE BOSS' MISSILES DOESN'T HIT US, DECOE.

IF WE DON'T GET...

...THAT LIMOUSINE, BOCOE, HE'LL HIT US HIMSELF!

NO ONE'S GETTING HURT TODAY, EGGMAN! (EXCEPT YOU, MAYBE.)

DON'T WORRY, KIDS!

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING WELL IN HAND!

SINCE THESE ARE SET TO EXPLODE ON IMPACT...

...EVERY-THING SHOULD BE JUST FINE...

...AS LONG AS I DON'T DROP ANY OF THESE!

SEE? NO ONE GOT HURT!

WHO CARES? WHILE YOU WERE PLAYING CATCH...

...YOU LET THAT CREEP GET AWAY WITH MY DADDY'S LIMOUSINE!

NOW HOW WILL I MAKE IT TO PRECIOUS' APPOINT-MENT?

YIP YIP YIP YIP

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, AT THE STATION SQUARE MALL...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SONIC.

I CRISSCROSSED THE COUNTRY *TWICE*, TRYING TO FIND THAT CREEP.

IT'S LIKE HE DIS-APPEARED.

YUM YUM

Mindy's

TACO TOWN

EGGMAN WILL TURN UP AGAIN *SOON*, AND YOU'LL DEFEAT HIM THEN.

WHY DON'T YOU GET A COUPLE OF HOT DOGS? THEY ALWAYS MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.

I WON'T FEEL BETTER UNTIL I KNOW WHAT EGGMAN IS UP TO.

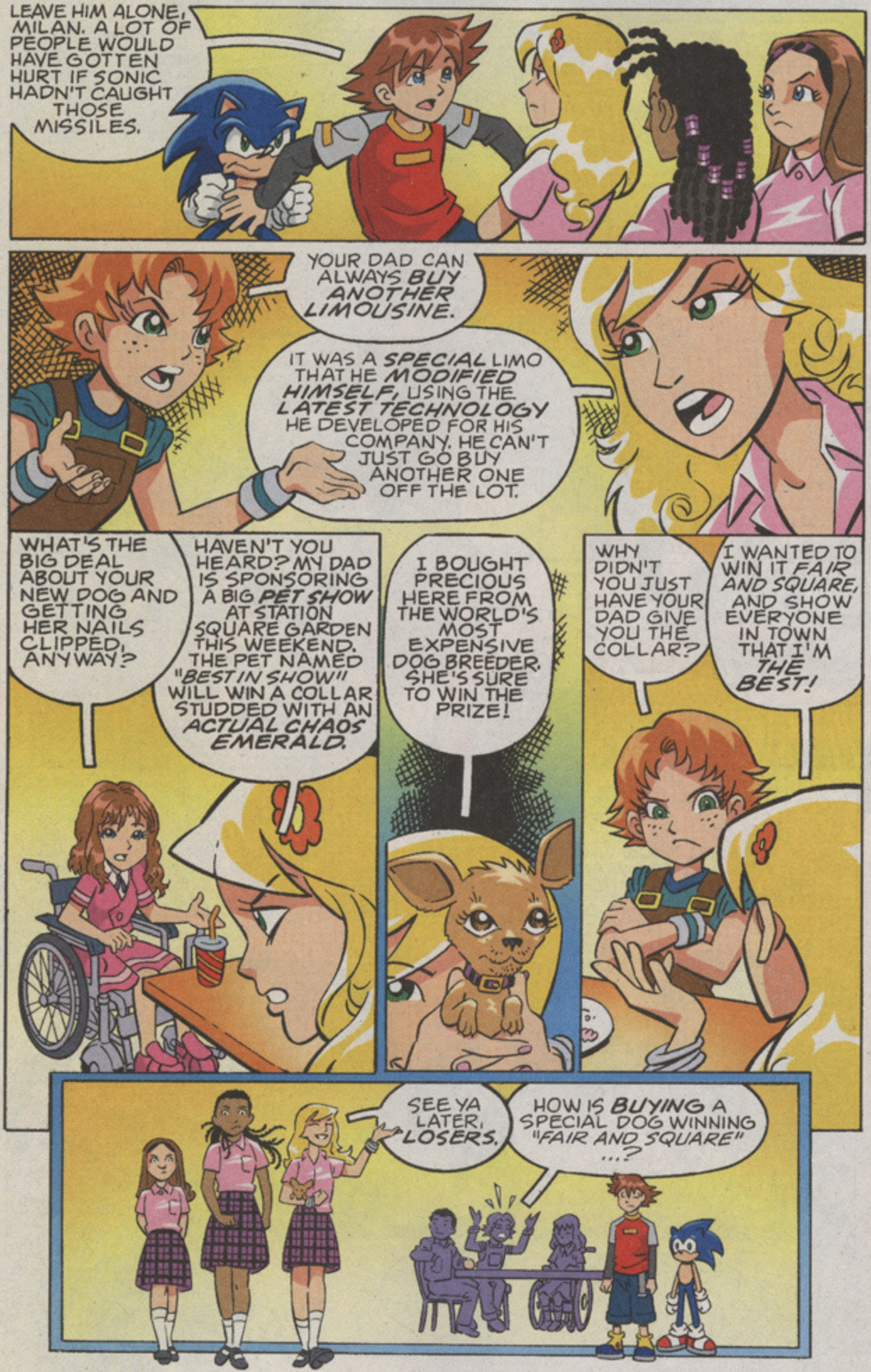
OH, LOOK-- IT'S THE *ALL-LOSERS SQUAD*... AGAIN.

WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE, MILAN?

I TOLD YOU I HAD TO GET PRECIOUS' NAILS CLIPPED. MY STYLIST HAS A STORE IN THE MALL.

WE HAD TO TAKE THE *BUS* TO GET HERE!

THANKS TO YOU!


LEAVE HIM ALONE, MILAN. A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN HURT IF SONIC HADN'T CAUGHT THOSE MISSILES.
YOUR DAD CAN ALWAYS BUY ANOTHER LIMOUSINE.
IT WAS A SPECIAL LIMO THAT HE MODIFIED HIMSELF, USING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY HE DEVELOPED FOR HIS COMPANY. HE CAN'T JUST GO BUY ANOTHER ONE OFF THE LOT.
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT YOUR NEW DOG AND GETTING HER NAILS CLIPPED, ANYWAY?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? MY DAD IS SPONSORING A BIG PET SHOW AT STATION SQUARE GARDEN THIS WEEKEND. THE PET NAMED "BEST IN SHOW" WILL WIN A COLLAR STUDDED WITH AN ACTUAL CHAOS EMERALD.
I BOUGHT PRECIOUS HERE FROM THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE DOG BREEDER. SHE'S SURE TO WIN THE PRIZE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST HAVE YOUR DAD GIVE YOU THE COLLAR?
I WANTED TO WIN IT FAIR AND SQUARE, AND SHOW EVERYONE IN TOWN THAT I'M THE BEST!
SEE YA LATER, LOSERS.
HOW IS BUYING A SPECIAL DOG WINNING "FAIR AND SQUARE" ...?

A FEW MILES AWAY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY, DR. EGGMAN'S EGG CARRIER IS HIDDEN IN STATION SQUARE STATE PARK, ONE OF THE FEW PLACES SONIC *DIDN'T* LOOK FOR IT.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS LIMOUSINE THAT YOU WANTED TO STEAL IT, DOCTOR EGGMAN?

BECAUSE SOCRATES RAMADA INSTALLED AN EXPERIMENTAL ***RECOMBOBULATOR*** IN IT FOR TESTING. THIS DEVICE WILL BE PERFECT FOR THE NEW WEAPON I'M CONSTRUCTING, BOKKUN.

WHY DIDN'T YOU BUILD YOUR *OWN* RECOMBOBULATOR?

WHY BUILD MY OWN WHEN I CAN STEAL ONE READY-MADE? THIS WILL COUNTERBALANCE THE ***DISCOMBOBULATION FIELD*** THE ***DESTRUCTOTRON 3000*** GENERATES SO THE WEAPON WON'T EXTIRPATE ITSELF.

HE'S SPEAKING SOME FORM OF ENGLISH, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING.

I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED READING THE DICTIONARY.

ALL I NEED NOW IS A ***CHAOS EMERALD***, AND I'LL HAVE ALL THE PIECES I NEED TO COMPLETE THE DESTRUCTOTRON 3000.

THE QUESTION NOW IS: *WHERE CAN I FIND A CHAOS EMERALD?*

I THINK I KNOW, BOSS.

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SO YOU'RE GOING TO ATTACK THE PET SHOW AND STEAL THE COLLAR?
THAT WOULD BE TOO PREDICTABLE! I'M GOING TO ENTER THE PET SHOW AND WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD FAIR AND SQUARE...
...BY CHEATING!
CAN YOU ENTER THE CONTEST?
YOU DON'T HAVE A PET.
YOU'LL SEE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THIS IS SO HUMILIATING!

BACK AT THE STATION SQUARE MALL...

SOMEONE SHOULD TEACH MILAN RAMADA A LESSON!

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SHOULD DO, CHRIS? YOU SHOULD ENTER *SONIC* IN THE PET SHOW. NO ONE CAN BEAT HIM!

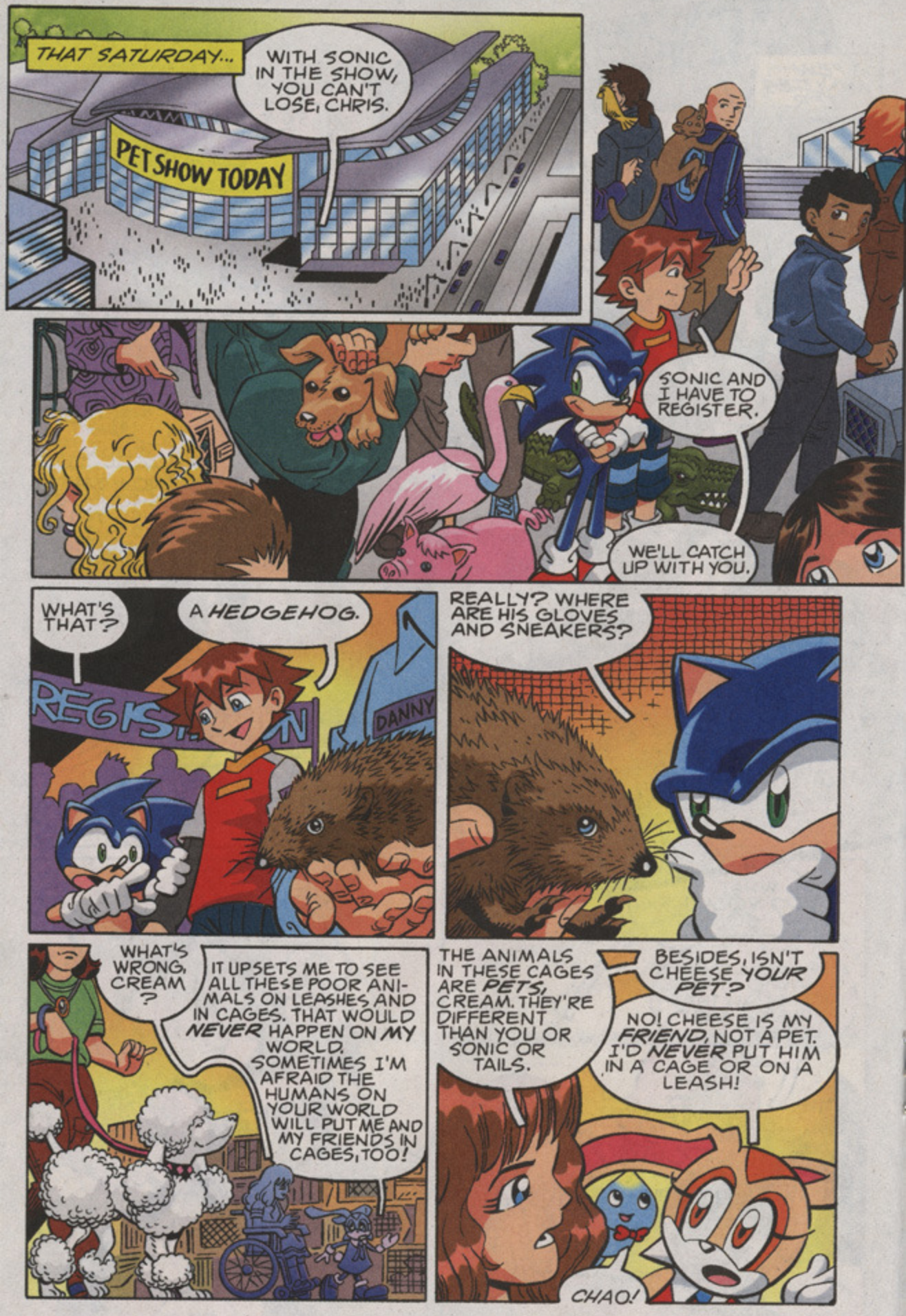
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, DANNY!

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK, SONIC?

IT WOULD BE A WAY TO PROVE TO MILAN THAT WE'RE *NOT* LOSERS.

I *NEVER* BACK AWAY FROM A CHALLENGE.

I'LL DO IT!


THAT SATURDAY...
WITH SONIC IN THE SHOW, YOU CAN'T LOSE, CHRIS.
PET SHOW TODAY
SONIC AND I HAVE TO REGISTER.
WE'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU.
WHAT'S THAT?
A HEDGEHOG.
DANNY
REALLY? WHERE ARE HIS GLOVES AND SNEAKERS?
WHAT'S WRONG, CREAM?
IT UPSETS ME TO SEE ALL THESE POOR ANIMALS ON LEASHES AND IN CAGES. THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN ON MY WORLD. SOMETIMES I'M AFRAID THE HUMANS ON YOUR WORLD WILL PUT ME AND MY FRIENDS IN CAGES, TOO!
THE ANIMALS IN THESE CAGES ARE PETS, CREAM. THEY'RE DIFFERENT THAN YOU OR SONIC OR TAILS.
BESIDES, ISN'T CHEESE YOUR PET?
NO! CHEESE IS MY FRIEND, NOT A PET. I'D NEVER PUT HIM IN A CAGE OR ON A LEASH!
CHAO!

I JUST THINK ALL LIVING THINGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE FREE.

WE'RE REGISTERED!

EXCELLENT! THERE'S NO WAY *YOU* CAN LOSE!

YOU'RE *ALL* LOSERS, AND *ALWAYS WILL BE.*

YOU DON'T REALLY THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME AND PRECIOUS, DO YOU?

PRECIOUS' PEDIGREE IS A MILE LONG...

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE *THAT* CAME FROM...?

FACE IT, LOSER. THE *CHAOS EMERALD COLLAR* IS AS GOOD AS *MINE!*

DON'T COUNT ON THAT, LITTLE MISSY.

DOCTOR EGGMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M HERE TO ACQUIRE THE CHAOS EMERALD, OF COURSE.

WE WON'T LET YOU STEAL IT!

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STEALING IT. I'M GOING TO WIN IT, FAIR AND SQUARE.

WITH WHAT?

NEE-OH.

THAT'S NOT A *REAL* CAT, YOU *CHEATER!*

DO YOU THINK BUYING AN EXPENSIVE DOG JUST TO WIN THE CONTEST *ISN'T* CHEATING?

AT LEAST *MY* PET COMES FROM *THIS* PLANET!

CAN YOUR DOG DO *THIS?*

GIVE IT UP, BOKKUN. ANY-THING YOU CAN DO, *I* CAN DO BETTER!

WE'RE GOING TO *CRUSH* YOU, SONIC! AFTER TODAY, *YOU'LL* KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE...

...TO *LOSE!*

SAVE IT FOR THE RING, GUYS! THE CONTEST IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

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GOOD STANCE...

UM-HMMM.

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HEE HEE. THAT TICKLES.

WHAT BREED IS THIS?

MOBIAN MOLECAT.

IS HIS COAT MADE OF SPINES OR FUR?

IS HE A NATURAL BLUE, OR IS HE DYED?

SPEAK.

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YIP. YIP. YIP.

SPEAK.

NEE-OH.

...STRANGEST SOUNDING CAT I'VE EVER HEARD.

SPEAK.

IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR TOPIC YOU'D LIKE ME TO ADDRESS?

AFTER A GRUELING ELIMINATION PROCESS, WE ARE DOWN TO THE LAST THREE ENTRANTS.
IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE OBEDIENCE AND TALENT PORTION OF THE COMPETITION. WHOEVER WINS THIS ROUND WILL BE NAMED BEST IN SHOW AND WILL RECEIVE THE CHAOS EMERALD-STUDDED COLLAR.
JUMP, PRECIOUS!
OUTSTANDING!
VERY CUTE.
DON'T HURT ANYONE, BOKKUN!
HE DIDN'T MOVE.
AND YOU DIDN'T GET HURT.
HE FOLLOWED MY ORDERS TO THE LETTER.
SAVE THE WORLD, SONIC!
STOP THAT!
DONE!
LET ME GO! I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!
YET!

GET ME OUT OF THIS, BOKKUN.

I'M ON IT, BOSS.

LOOK AT HIM! I TOLD YOU HE'S NOT A REAL CAT!

DIS-QUALIFY HIM!

CHOMP

YOW!

OOWO OWOWOWO OWOWOWO OWO!

WHOMP

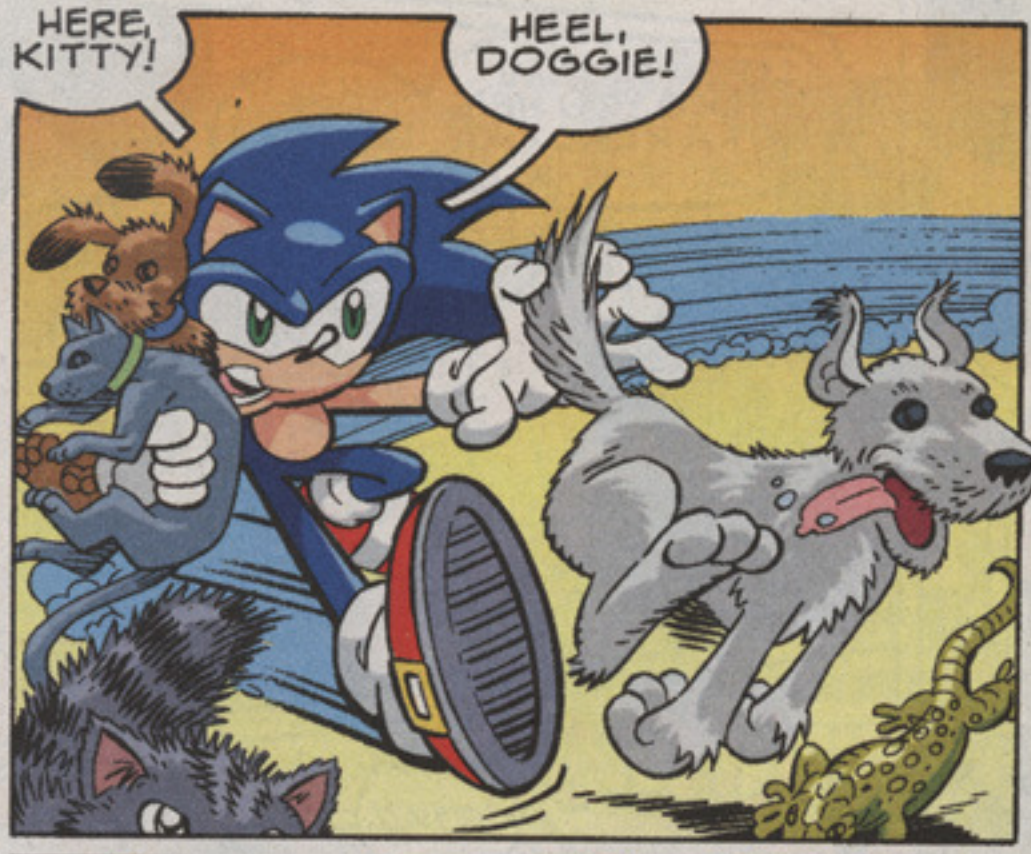
CRASH!!

GRRR BARK HISS

UH OH.

GRR

MEOW

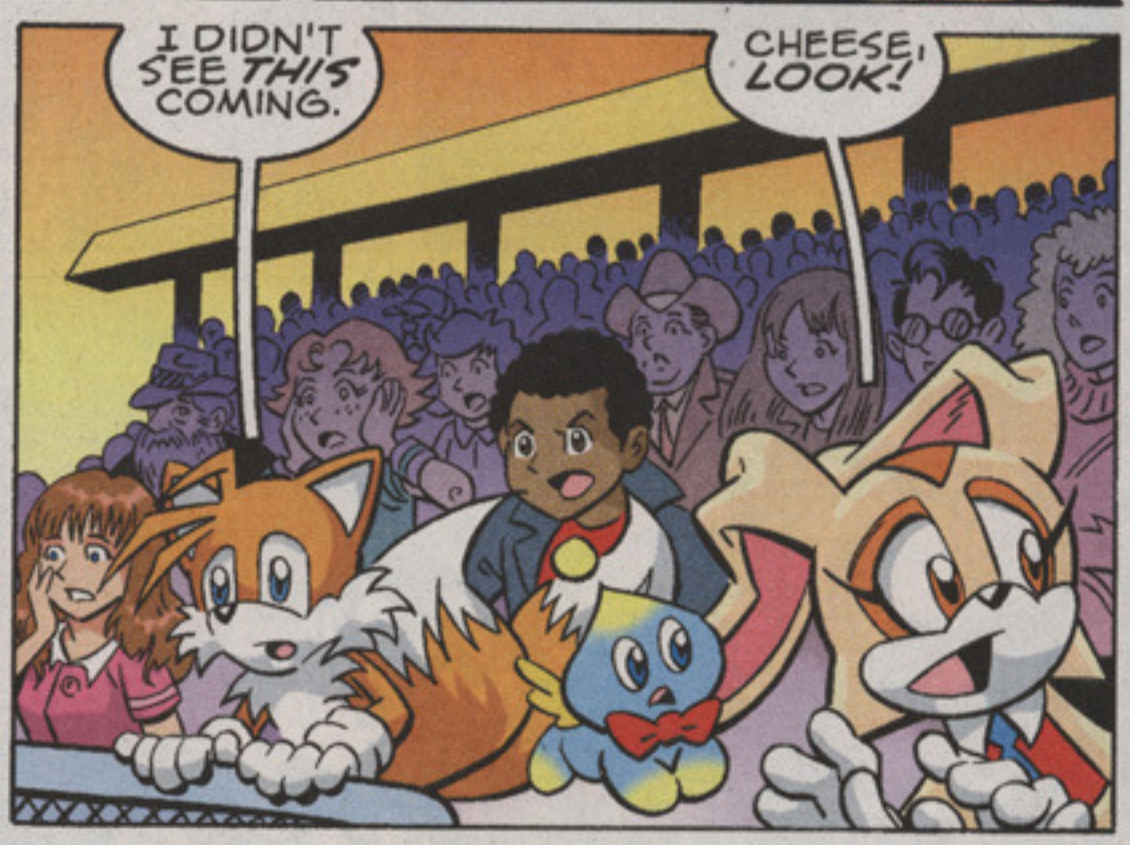

HERE, KITTY!
HEEL, DOGGIE!

HOLD STILL, MA'AM! I'LL SAVE YOU!

LET GO!
PRECIOUS! STOP IT!
YOU'LL RIP YOUR PRETTY BOW!

GET AWAY! SHOO!

HOLD STILL!
THOSE CLAWS ARE SHARP!


I DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING.
CHEESE, LOOK!

MEW?

GROWWL

WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THAT POOR KITTEN AND THE JUDGE.

MEW?

WE'LL SAVE YOU!

LEAVE HER ALONE!

PLEASE LET US GO!

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!

AAAAAAA

POURING ON ALL HIS SPEED, SONIC RETRIEVES THE LOOSE ANIMALS...

...UNTIL EVERY LAST PET IS RETURNED TO ITS CAGE, CARRIER, AND OWNER.

THANK YOU, MISTER SONIC.

I ASK YOU-- WHAT PET HERE COULD DO WHAT *I* JUST DID?

DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME "*BEST IN SHOW*" ?

THAT'S NOT FAIR!

SAVING THE OTHER PETS WAS NOT PART OF THE TALENT COMPETITION!!!

NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SQUABBLING.

THAT'S RIGHT. ALL THREE OF YOU ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.

OUR "BEST IN SHOW" IS CHEESE AND HIS OWNER CREAM, WHO RISKED THEIR OWN LIVES TO SAVE ME AND THIS KITTEN.

BUT CREAM ISN'T...

WE AWARD THE TWO OF YOU THIS SPECIAL COLLAR STUDDED WITH A GENUINE CHAOS EMERALD.

YAAAAAAY

WE THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL PRIZE.

WE LEARNED TODAY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP PETS SAFE BY USING LEASHES AND CARRIERS. IF WE LOVE OUR PETS, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT THEM.

CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO.

CHEESE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THIS CHAOS EMERALD TO THE STATION SQUARE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS TO HELP ALL THE POOR ANIMALS IN OUR TOWN WHO DON'T HAVE HOMES.

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE AND PREPARE FOR TOMORROW NIGHT.
WHY? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TOMORROW NIGHT?
THE SAME THING WE DO EVERY NIGHT, BOKKUN...
THAT WAS A WONDERFUL THING YOU DID, CREAM.
YOU AND CHEESE REALLY WERE "BEST IN SHOW."
ONLY A LOSER WOULD GIVE AWAY A VALUABLE PRIZE LIKE THAT.
IF YOU ASK ME, IT TAKES A REAL WINNER TO BE KIND AND GENEROUS, MILAN.
LET'S ALL CELEBRATE AT THE ICE CREAM PARLOR WITH FROSTY CHOCOLATE MILKSHAKES!
YAAAAAAY!
PET SHOW TODAY

FINALLY, OUR HEROES ARE BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE! BUT WILL THINGS GET TOO "RUFF" NEXT TIME WHEN SONIC AND EGGMAN FIND THEMSELVES CAUGHT IN A "SWITCHEROO"?? FIND OUT NEXT MONTH, AND UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, *SONIC ARCHIVES*, AND *SONIC SELECT!*

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Dear Sonic X-Grams: I really like SONIC X comics and the TV show. Sonic is my favorite video game character! I also like his games. I have lots of them!

As well you should, young Sonic apprentice.

One of my favorites is "Sonic Heroes". I really like the music in the games too. Please write back or whatever you want to do.

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It's hard not to like the music in those games. They've got great beats and they sure are catchy!

Dear Sonic X-Grams: I am a big Amy fan, and if you can, I suggest that she stop chasing Sonic because I see it in all the video games, TV shows, and of course, comics. Sonic is getting annoyed, just like me with my brother. He is SOOO annoying.

Uh oh. Does your brother have a giant mallet too?

So back to the subject, if Amy stops acting like she likes Sonic so much, maybe Sonic would start liking her.

- AIRELLE B.
CALIFORNIA

Ha! That's a good one. No, but seriously, that's mighty wishful thinking there.

Dear Sonic X-Grams: Hello. My name is Ben Nuese, I'm 14 years old, and I am a huge fan of your series. I am obsessed with Sonic the Hedgehog: comics, games, fan fictions, you name it. One of the things I love so much about the series is how it involves the characters' emotions so well into their situations. My personal favorite, however, is the romance. I write my own Sonic fan fictions involving romance, but you guys are way better.

Well, we don't like to brag...

If I could draw as well as you, I would have my stories in comic form. You would make my dreams a reality if you could respond to this message. Thank you for your time.

- BEN N.
SENT BY EMAIL TO
SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

Well, here at Archie, we're in the business of making dreams into reality. I hope this works for you, Ben!

Dear Sonic X-Grams: What does it take to be Sonic's #1 fan?

- HUNTER W.
TEXAS

Years of devotion, two copies of every Sonic game ever made (including the ones made for systems which haven't been manufactured since 1984), and an encyclopedic knowledge of all things Sonic. And naming your pet after Sonic and spray-painting it blue doesn't hurt either. Just kidding, kids – if this issue taught you anything, it's to treat your pets humanely!

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"Switcheroo" – Oh no! Sonic is trying to take over the world again and it's up to Eggman to – wait, a second! WHAT?! Find out what's up with these raucous role reversals next time!

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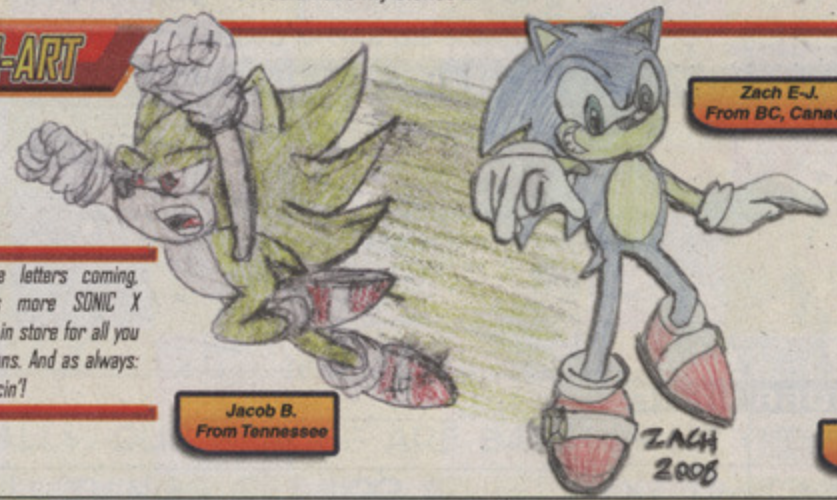

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